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NHDOT SPONSORING PRESENTATIONS BY AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR RACHEL SIMON TELLS THE STORY OF "RIDING THE BUS WITH MY SISTER"

Most people don't think of riding public transportation as a life changing experience. For college professor Rachel Simon, the year she spent riding buses with her developmentally disabled sister changed both of their lives.

The award-winning author of *Riding the Bus With My Sister* will present her deeply moving story in Concord on November 13 and Keene on November 14. Sponsored by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation and the New Hampshire Transit Association, the presentations by Rachel Simon will describe how the bus trips changed her relationship with her sister Beth, whom she describes as a "serial bus rider".

Rachel Simon will speak on Thursday, November 13 in Concord from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM in Sweeney Hall at New Hampshire Technical Institute, and on Friday, November 14 in Keene at noon at Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services, 312 Marlboro Street in Keene. Both events are free to the public. Seating is limited in Keene. For reservations, call 352-2253.